

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, and 6-26 are pending.

Claims 1-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Nonomura (U.S. Patent 6,574,419). Applicants respectfully traverse this art grounds of rejection.

The Examiner relies upon column 18, lines 49-66 of Nonomura as teaching the decoding limitation recited in claim 1. This portion of Nonomura discusses the decoding of audio still video objects (ASVOBs) and audio objects (AOBs). The processing description of AOBs and ASVOBs continues in column 19, lines 1-30. In particular, in column 19, lines 24-28 Nonomura teaches that the output timing of the decoded AOB is determined by the presentation of the time stamps (PTSs) accompanying the AOB, whereas the output timing of an ASVOBs is determined by information in a display list stored in a different area from the area storing the ASVOB. Namely, the output timing of the ASVOB is not determined by PTSs accompanying the ASVOB. As such, Nonmura fails to disclose or suggest "outputting the decoded still picture data based on the respective still picture STC and presentation time stamps (PTSs) in the still picture data; and outputting the decoded audio data based on the respective audio STC and PTSs in the audio data," as recited in claim 1.

Claims 2-3, 6-23 and 26, depend upon claim 1, and are patentable for at least the reasons stated above with respect to claim 1.

Independent claims 24 and 25 include similar limitations to those discussed above with respect to claim 1, and are patentable at least for the reasons stated above

with respect to claim 1.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this art grounds of rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

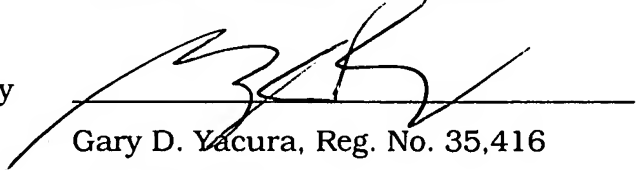
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a three (3) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$1050 extension fee herewith.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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